

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Moses Akhonaton Frasier,

Petitioner,

v.

Stephen Duncan,

Respondent.

C/A No. 1:22-cv-2165-JFA-SVH

ORDER

Petitioner, Moses Akhonaton Frasier, proceeding *pro se*, brings this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254. In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 636(b) and Local Civil Rule 73.02(B)(2) (D.S.C.), the case was referred to the Magistrate Judge for pretrial proceedings.

On September 28, 2022, Respondent filed a motion for summary judgment. (ECF No. 12). By order dated September 29, 2022, pursuant to *Roseboro v. Garrison*, 528 F.2d 309 (4th Cir. 1975), Petitioner was advised of the dismissal and summary judgment procedures and the possible consequences if he failed to respond adequately. (ECF No. 13).

Notwithstanding the specific warning and instructions set forth in the court's *Roseboro* order, Petitioner failed to respond to the motion. The Magistrate Judge then filed a second order on November 8, 2022, advising Petitioner that it appeared to the court that he was not opposing the motion and wished to abandon this action, and giving Petitioner an additional fourteen (14) days in which to file his response to the defendant's motion. (ECF No. 15). Petitioner was specifically warned that if he failed to respond, this action

would be recommended for dismissal with prejudice for failure to prosecute. Despite this, Petitioner still failed to respond.

Thereafter, the Magistrate Judge assigned to this action¹ issued a thorough Report and Recommendation (“Report”). (ECF No. 17). Within the Report, the Magistrate Judge opines that this action should be dismissed with prejudice for lack of prosecution. The Report sets forth, in detail, the relevant facts and standards of law on this matter, and this Court incorporates those facts and standards without a recitation.

Petitioner was advised of his right to object to the Report, which was entered on the docket on November 29, 2022. *Id.* The Magistrate Judge required Petitioner to file objections by December 13, 2022. *Id.* Petitioner failed to file objections or otherwise address the dispositive motion. Thus, this matter is ripe for review.

A district court is only required to conduct a *de novo* review of the specific portions of the Magistrate Judge’s Report to which an objection is made. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 636(b); Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(b); *Carniewski v. W. Virginia Bd. of Prob. & Parole*, 974 F.2d 1330 (4th Cir. 1992). In the absence of specific objections to portions of the Magistrate’s Report, this Court is not required to give an explanation for adopting the recommendation. *See Camby v. Davis*, 718 F.2d 198, 199 (4th Cir. 1983).

Here, Petitioner has failed to raise any objections and therefore this Court is not required to give an explanation for adopting the recommendation. A review of the Report

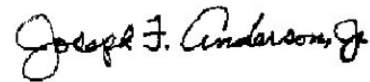
¹ The Magistrate Judge’s review is made in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B) and Local Civil Rule 73.02(B)(2)(d) (D.S.C.). The Magistrate Judge makes only a recommendation to this Court. The recommendation has no presumptive weight, and the responsibility to make a final determination remains with the Court. *Mathews v. Weber*, 423 U.S. 261 (1976).

indicates that the Magistrate Judge correctly concluded that Petitioner has failed to respond and therefore his action is subject to dismissal for lack of prosecution.

After carefully reviewing the applicable laws, the record in this case, and the Report, this Court finds the Magistrate Judge's recommendation fairly and accurately summarizes the facts and applies the correct principles of law. Accordingly, this Court adopts the Magistrate Judge's Report and Recommendation and incorporates it herein by reference. (ECF No. 17). Therefore, this action is dismissed with prejudice. Consequently, any motions currently pending (ECF No. 12) are terminated as moot.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

January 9, 2023
Columbia, South Carolina

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph F. Anderson, Jr." in a cursive script.

Joseph F. Anderson, Jr.
United States District Judge